



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Whom it May Concern
FROM: Yvonne Christopher, CBO
SUBJECT: New California Mandated Codes

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

If you are an architect, engineer, designer or contractor who performs work within the State of California, please be advised that the State of California has adopted new codes that take effect on January 1, 2014. The new codes are:

- **2013 California Building & Fire Codes (Based on the 2012 International Building & Fire Codes)**
- **2013 California Plumbing & Mechanical Codes (Based on the 2012 Uniform Plumbing & Mechanical Codes)**
- **2013 California Electrical Code (Based on the 2011 National Electrical Code)**
- **2013 California Residential Code* (Based on the 2012 International Residential Code)**
- **2013 California Green Building Standards Code (California Building Standards Commission)**

NOTE: ALL energy calculations will continue to be based on the 2010 code - due to a delay in the certification process with the California Energy Commission. Once certified by the State, Energy Calculations will need to be updated.

MASTER PLANS

Master plans are currently approved under the 2010 California Codes.

Individual lots that are APPLIED for before Dec. 31, 2013 are permitted under the 2010 code master plans. Specific lots that are APPLIED for after Jan. 1, 2014 will be permitted and inspected under the new 2013 California Codes.

The 2010 Master plans will either need sheet revisions (to update them to the 2013 codes) or be updated in their entirety. These changes will require a new plan review and the typical issuance process.

* The California Residential Code is used exclusively for the construction and maintenance of residential one and two-family buildings, townhouses not more than 3 stories in height, and structures accessory to these uses. All other building uses are regulated by the California Building Code. The Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical provisions of the Residential Code are not adopted in the State of California – refer to the codes listed above.